

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid consisting of X nucleotides wherein the sequence of the nucleic acid comprises:

- (a) Y consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 2240728;
- (b) a DNA equivalent of (a);
- (c) ~~a sequence at least 80% identical to (a) or (b); or~~
- ~~(d)~~(c) the complement of ~~any one of (a) (c) (a) or (b),~~

wherein,

X=16 to 120,

Y \geq 16, and

X \geq Y.

19. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 18, wherein the Y nucleotides comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8385.

20. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 18, wherein X=19 to 24 nucleotides.

21. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 18, wherein X=Y.

22. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 21, wherein the Y consecutive nucleotides is SEQ ID NO: 2240728.

23. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 21, wherein the Y consecutive nucleotides is SEQ ID NO: 8385.

24. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 18.

25. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 19.

26. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 20.

27. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 21.

28. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 22.

29. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 23.